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SUBJECT: MOD TANASSI VISIT TO U.S.

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SECDEF FOR COL BOWEN, OASD (ISA)

REF: A) STATE 166103

B) TELECON CAPT MCGRATH - COL BOWEN, AUGUST 28

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, SECDEF'S INVITATION TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE TANASSI WAS DELIVERED BY DATT ON AUGUST 22 UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM DCM. TANASSI'S OFFICE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SECDEF'S WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE VISIT DURING SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER AND PROMISED TO GET A QUICK READING ON SUGGESTED OCTOBER 24 DATE. ON AUGUST 27, DATT WAS CALLED TO MOD AND SOUNDED OUT ON POSSIBILITY OF OCTOBER 16 VICE OCTOBER 24 MEETING. PER REF B, SECDEF'S CALENDAR HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY BLOCKED OUT FOR OCTOBER 16. WHILE TANASSI WILL NOT RETURN TO ROME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3, HIS STAFF ASSURES US THAT THIS DATE IS FIRM.

2. WITH REGARD TO TANASSI'S PROGRAM (OTHER THAN MEETING WITH SECDEF), MOD HAS ASKED FOR TWO OR THREE OPTIONS WHICH HE MIGHT CONSIDER, WITH THE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT LATER BY DOD AND
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ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WHILE WE LEAVE IT TO WASHINGTON

TO DEVELOP THESE, TWO THAT COME TO MIND ARE A SWING DOWN THE EAST COAST WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FORT BRAGG IF A FIRE POWER DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED, PATRICK AFB, ORLANDO, AND DISNEY WORLD, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, VISITS TO COMPANIES DOING DEFENSE BUSINESS OF PRESENT AND POSSIBLY FUTURE INTEREST TO ITALIANS. IN ANY EVENT, OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE WOULD BE ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 14 - ARRIVE WASHINGTON.

OCTOBER 15 - ITALIAN EMBASSY BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE RECEPTION.

OCTOBER 16 - MEETING WITH SECDEF.

OCTOBER 17-19 - TO BE ARRANGED, BUT TO END IN NEW YORK IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF THE 19TH.

OCTOBER 20 - FREE.

OCTOBER 21 - RETURN TO ROME.

3. REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON OPTIONS REQUESTED BY MOD FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 17-19. VOLPE

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